

Commerce And Industry. Samuel G Smith Hillsboro. W. Va. Pocahontas Co.
- Lumber -

In 1901 Henry Yeager of Marlinton bought the timber from the John Waugh place and known at that time as the Davis Kinnison place on Stamping Creek, Yeager employed Alex Robison who had a circular mill to saw it for him, Waugh taking the contract of the cutting and skidding, attempted to log the mill with a yoke of cattle but found out he could not so he employed James Gibson of Elk River to assist him in the logging and in hauling the lumber to Seebert, Waugh also hired two teams from Page Gay and they were driven by Charlie McCoy and William Stewart.

The mill was set near the Edd Ferguson house at the foot of the mountain the boiler was drawn by 16 horses and at the lower ford of Stamping Creek they all but drowned some of the horses as the water was both swift and deep but by the quick work some of the teamsters saved the horses.

Camps were built to care for the men and stables for the horses and operation was in progress. Among the men that worked for James Gibson were the following his two sons Frank and Winters, Clark, Hugh and Feltner Hannah all of Elk. Wade Gum was employed with his team by Waugh, William E Jackson ~~was employed~~ and Uriah Kramer also worked for Gibson and William Liptrap worked for Robison on the mill. A slide was made and used to get the logs from the top of the mountain to the foothills.

Besides having a skidding contract Gibson had the contract of wagoning the lumber to Seebert where it was shipped out over the C & O and part of it went to Baltimore.

Withrow McClintic contracted the cutting and skidding of a section of timber in this operation and John Edmiston and Lanty Cole skidded it with McClintics horses.

The operation was completed in 1902.

Information - B. C Hayes. Millpoint. W. Va. - D. E Ruckman Millpoint. W. Va.
James Gibson, Marlinton. W. Va Elk Route.

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W.Va.

In the Spring of 1903 A.B Eisler of Pennsylvania bought the timber from 300 acres from Joseph S Smith, 25 acres from Thomas L Hogsett and the timber from 25 acres from William Auldridge all of near Millpoint W, Va and 30 acres of timber from Captain James McNeill of Buckeye W, Va or a total of 380 acres.

Eisler contracted the sawing to the Hill brothers of Hillsboro W, Va namely Willis the owner of the mill and the sawyer Lee and William P Hill did the firing and looking after the mill which was a Circular Mill.

The skidding was contracted to Marvin C Smith who had two logging teams he drove one team and Charlie W Ruckman drove the other they were both of near Millpoint W Va. and from the Marvin Chappel community from which most of this timber was taken.

The first set was in the Glade pasture and near the Old Tan House which was used for a camp. The next set was in the Limestone Spring Hollow and the last set was on the back side of the Smith farm near the Hogsett, Auldridge line.

This timber was mostly cut in bill stuff to be used in the construction of Ships and Bridges as some was cut 9 by 12 and 30 to 40 feet long, these timbers were loaded on heavy wagons drawn by a Steam Tracjion Engine and taken to Seebert ready for shipment to many different sections where they were needed in bridge and ship construction. This timber was mostly White Oak but they cut Ash, Poplar, Red Oak and Chestnut. At the three sets they cut one million feet and employed from 8 to 10 men on the mill.

This operation finished in the fall of 1903.

Information-----M.C Smith Hillsboro. W, Va.
William P Hill " "

----- Withrow McClintic -----

In 1929 McClintic set a circular mill on the McClintic farm near the old Miller house near the N.C Rogers line to operate the timber near the Pennell Top around the old Miller house and Black Lick Hollow, however this set was never finished by him as he became sick and died before completion thus ending the career of one of the most useful citizens of Pocahontas County, as he furnished employment to more people than any other individual in Pocahontas County, as from 20 to 30 men ate at his table the year around besides the ones that boarded at home and worked for him.

On the McClintic farm you found a store in which he kept all kinds of groceries and other supplies that he sold to the men working for him, as he had tennant houses scattered out over a wide area of the farm and if they had been built close together there would have been a good size little town as today upon entering the McClintic farm it looks like entering a small town or village as buildings cover some 5 or 6 acres.

After the death of McClintic in the fall of 31 men that had worked for him for years had to find employment elsewhere, thus the passing of a man that was greatly missed not only by the men that worked for him but by his business associates as he was known far and near as the man that did things as his payroll meant a lot to the Swago Community in which he lived.

His widow Bessie McClintic residing at Marlinton tells me that looking after so many jobs, long hours, loss of sleep and irregular meals shortened Mr. McClintic's days.

Information	Bessie McClintic	Marlinton W, Va.
	M.C Smith	Hillsboro. " §§/
	Court Records	Marlinton "
And the writers own knowledge of affairs.		

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H.H. Sleer ----

In 1902 and 03 H.H Sleer of Pennsylvania operated timber near Beard, W, Va that he bought from Jacob W Beard of Beard W, Va he set h his Portable Circular Mill on the Beard farm on the run just above the Presbyterian Church and near the line between the Beard farm and that of Frank Knapp.

He cut mostly White Oak which was cut in to Flitch according to my informants which was used in the building of Ships, these boards were 3 inches thick and as wide as the log as the logs were never squared and the bark left on as the Edger was never used on the boards.

Sleer had 4 teams that he did the skidding with and from 15 to 20 men were employed on the mill and in the woods, camps were built to house the men and stables were built to stable the horses. When this set was finished they moved to another set near what is known as Locust as it was near where Locust Creek enters the Greenbrier River.

Mrs J F Rock and his wife Icie run the boarding house. The lumber was loaded on board freight cars of the C & O Railroad and shipped to ship building centers of the Eastern part of the U.S.

This operation furnished employment to local workers and save for the payroll went out unnoticed.

Information---	J.F Rock	Hillsboro.	W, Va.
(Mrs J.F)	Icie Rock	"	"
	Winters Cochran	Beard,	"
	Frank Knapp	"	"